

Bromham Broadsheet

101st Jubilee Edition—June 2022

Bromham Royal Duck Race 2022

2nd June 12:00 - 16:00 Bromham Mill

Kids
Games

Stalls

Pony Rides

FOOD



1st Prize £200

2nd Prize £75

3rd Prize £50

Tickets, Ducks and
'Decorate a Duck'
Packs on sale from
the Parish Council
Office

General
Public Ducks
£1

Kids decorate
a Duck Pack
£5

BUSINESS
DUCKS
£40

General
Race
3PM

Business
Race
1PM

Kids
Race
2PM

BROMHAM BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THIS EVENT
alternative route A428, Box End, Bridge End

There will be no parking available at The Mill, however
free parking will be available at the event

Bromham Parish Council Village Road Bromham MK43 8JP - 01234 828851
www.bromhamparish.co.uk - email: julie@bromhamparish.co.uk

FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to our Summer Broadsheet.

In April, Parish Council hosted the first every community awards evening. We welcomed 15 winners to the Mill during our Annual Meeting. Thank you to all those residents who nominated our deserving recipients.

After 2 years with few events taking place in the village, 2022 sees the return of our favourite community occasions. Combined with celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, it is a busy year!

For the Jubilee in June we have a Royal Duck Race: St Owens Church and Bromham Baptist Church service of celebration and free party and games, and many street parties. There are details of many in the Broadsheet.

In July, we are pleased to see the return of the popular Bromham Show, and preceding that there will be a musical evening at the Village Hall and plans are already in place for Apple Day! I hope you will support and enjoy some of the village events, and that you have a great summer.



Congratulations to Almonds Pre-School 25 Years



The Almonds Pre-School marked a very special occasion recently with flowers and a 'scrap book' and a wonderful celebration cake Mrs Janis Russell has been running the pre-school for the past 25 years and with a dedicated team alongside her, the pre-school continues to give the young children of Bromham a very good start to their education

The Almonds Pre-School children helped to plant a tree in commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the garden in the Village Hall.



The Almonds Pre-School continues to thrive, and we are currently taking bookings for children who would like to start in September 2022

Bookings can be accepted for children aged over 2 years and children who will start school no earlier than September 2024.

We currently have no availability for children going to school in September 2023

We are a term time only setting and operate from the very spacious Village Hall in the heart of the village Website www.thealmondspreschool.co.uk

If you are interested in a place for a young child please contact:

Mrs Janis Russell on 07729 583 331 (9am - 1pm) or 01234 857196 at any other time



Bromham Community Awards, Sponsored by Steven Eagell Toyota, Bromham

Bromham's Community Awards were held on Tuesday 26 April 2022. Thank you to everyone who nominated deserving residents and businesses in Bromham.

There are many people who work hard for their community and help others under normal circumstances and this award was a chance to thank them. This Award is sponsored by Steven Eagell Toyota, we thank them for their contribution.

Congratulations to:

Andrew Crookes, for Litter Picking

Bromham Pharmacy for caring for our Community

Phil & Sue Grabham for Conservation Work and Woodland Walk

Al and Sam Barnes for creating the Waterside Rest at Parklands

Kate Storey for helping neighbours during COVID

Rachal Hutcheson for her work for the community during COVID

Sam Sparkes for her work for the community during COVID

John Kelley for Bulb planting events

Mr & Mrs Stretton for Litter Picking

Roadrunner Bus for helping residents

John Giles for working for the community, Village Hall & Bromham Show

Edward Jones working for the community, St Owens, Bromham Mill

Colin Baker for Conservation Work and Woodland Walk



Well Done & Thank you!

Be a conservation volunteer!

There are many opportunities to volunteer in Bromham, with a choice of local charities and voluntary groups working for worthy causes. Some work with young people or to make life better for disadvantaged groups. Others help promote and maintain our historic Mill, or conserve and improve the local environment.

Volunteer groups have begun working together wherever co-operation can make a difference. Bromham Conservation Group volunteers have worked for years with Friends of Bromham Mill and the Bromham Nature Club on improving and developing the attractive grounds behind the Mill. Conservation volunteers and the Friends are now working together to resume regular mill machinery demonstrations. Conservation volunteers have also worked recently with the Elisabeth Curtis Centre, Riding for the Disabled, to restore a ride that had become overgrown with weeds and brambles while riding was suspended during the pandemic. And conservation volunteers will help provide an interesting outdoor activity for Bromham Scouts later in June.

Conservation volunteers work with the borough and parish councils to maintain public open spaces in the village. We help maintain and improve the grounds at Bromham Mill, the Bromham Lake Local Nature Reserve in Lower Farm Road, Salem Thrift ancient woodland off Northampton Road, the Community Orchard at Parklands and the wildlife pond at Paddock Green off Oakley Road. Some also work with the Friends on maintaining and demonstrating the waterwheel and milling machinery.

Volunteers have improved the woodland behind the Mill and created new flower beds, walks and trails. They have created new planters from timber recovered from the brook and regularly clear rubbish washed down the river or brook from the mill sluices. Volunteers also created the woodland fairy walk at the Mill that is so popular with local families.

New volunteers are always welcome to take part in conservation work around the village, to help maintain Mill buildings and machinery, or to work on joint projects with other voluntary groups. There is a wide variety of activities and something for everyone prepared to donate a little time for the common good. To find out more, sign up for our monthly email newsletter, visit our parish council web page or try our new Facebook page at **@bromhamconservationgroup**.

Contact Peter Argyle on 01234 822698 or email **bcbg@peterargyle.plus.com**.



You Can Report Highways Issues!!

If you see a fault or problem in Bromham please report it direct to highways at <https://highwaysreporting.bedford.gov.uk>

Faulty Street Lighting - Please could all residents report faulty street lighting near them to <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/roads-and-pavements/street-furniture-maintenance/lighting/>

You may need to quote the number on the lamp column. Thank you for your help!!

Parish Council Vacancies - Can you help?

We have 1 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

- **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BROMHAM? WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY?**
- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN MAKING DECISIONS FOR YOUR VILLAGE?**

To be a Parish Councillor you must be over 18 and be a Commonwealth Citizen (which includes a British Subject) or Euro-national, an elector and must have resided in Bromham for at least 12 months.

For more information contact Bromham Parish Council, email Julie@bromhamparish.co.uk.

Bromham Birders

Have you ever seen or heard a bird singing and wondered...what is that bird?

In our village there is a diverse range of habitats including woodland, riverside, parkland, open field and meadows all hosting a surprising number of different bird species and animals. In addition to the more common garden birds recent sightings of little egret, tree creeper, tawny owl, goosander, kingfisher, grey wagtail, blackcap, stonechat and many more have been reported.

What is more tuneful than a skylark singing whilst ascending and descending over the fields, or hearing the surprisingly loud song of the wren? Take time on your walks to listen and you will be rewarded with a cacophony of birdsong.

In conversation with people met on walks around the village it is clear that there is an interest in this subject, this got me thinking that if there was enough interest perhaps we could form an informal group to share information and sightings from our local area.

If anyone is interested in starting a 'Bromham Birders Group' please contact me to discuss on 01234 824471 or by email johngiles22@virginmedia.com



Bromham Show
Bromham's Community Event of the Year

We are delighted to announce that after a two-year gap due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, **Bromham Show returns in 2022**. This year's show takes place **on Sunday 3rd July** in the usual location on the fields behind the village hall.

As always, there will be range of attractions in the central arena, in addition to a Craft Fair, Exhibits from nearly 100 wide ranging classes, many side shows and lots of tasty items to eat and drink.

This year, for the first time, pedestrian entry is free. Vehicle parking on the field is just £5.

Open from 12noon, Official opening 1.00pm

The show is staged by the community, for the community and aims to provide a value for money event for all ages. Surplus funds are donated to local worthy organisations, so by supporting the show we are also supporting our village.

If you would like to become part of the organising team for 2022, please contact us through the enquiry link on our website at www.bromhamshow.com

We look forward to seeing you on the 3rd July – The Bromham Show Team

Friday 1 July 2022

The Show before the Show

An evening of music

Old School

60's and 70's covers

Samantha Hughes

Vintage singer

All or Nothing

Rock, Blues and Soul

4String

Ukulele band

Compere: Dave Stott

Bromham Village Hall

Village Road

Bromham

MK43 8JP

7.30 – 10.30pm

Bar

Tickets £5 each

Tickets available from 6 June 2022 at Bromham Village Hall Mon-Thu 2-4pm
Card payments accepted



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Petra Yates to our
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curate in July. She
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getting to know
our three
churches and
villages.**

Contacts

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Platinum Jubilee

Service of celebration & FREE party
(bring a picnic lunch and a chair)



**Sunday 5th June, 11am
Bromham Village Hall Field**

games, bouncy castles,
glitter tattoos, music and more

Organised by St Owen's Church and Bromham Baptist Church

Friends of St Owens

The Friends of St Owen's thank all who contributed in any way to our project to build an extension at your Parish Church - the Church in the Park. Your amazing support has provided much needed modern facilities and the building was opened by the Bishop of Bedford last September. So now, please do...

**Come and see it!
At an Open Day on
Saturday 16th July from 11am – 4pm**

WILD CHURCH

Would you like to come to church but find it difficult on Sunday mornings or with young kids?

Then join us for 'Wild Church' Held every third Sunday of the month 4.30—5.30pm in the woods at the Scout Site on Molivers Lane.

Outdoor worship, activities and refreshments.

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Next dates: Jun 19th, Jul 17th

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BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MAY 2022

Bromham Parish Council has
13 Parish Councillors, 1 Vacancy

Name	Surname:
Sian (Chair)	Woodfine
Trevor (Vice Chair)	Roff
Elizabeth	Luder
Mick	Burgess
Val	Brinson
Anne	Baker
Chris	Arnouti
Dylan	Simmons
John	Orchard
Stephen	Unwin
Jane	Shields
Gianluca	Guerriero
Dom	Wilson

Meeting Schedule 2022-2023

Parish Council *	Finance	Planning, Amenities, Sustainability
3 May 22 Annual Mtg 7pm PC 7.30pm	19 May 22	17 May 22
5 July 22	21 Jul 22	21 Jun 22
6 Jul 22	15 Jul 22	19 July 22
August - No Meetings		
6 Sept 22	15 Sept 22	20 Sept 22
4 Oct 22		18 Oct 22
1 Nov 22	17 Nov 22	15 Nov 22
6 Dec 22		
3 Jan 23	19 Jan 23	17 Jan 23
7 Feb 23		21 Feb 23
7 Mar 23	16 Mar 23	21 Mar 23
PC 4 Apr 23 Annual Parish 19 Apr 23 7pm		18 April 23

Annual Report 2021-2022

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Meetings returned to normal this year the Parish Council started meeting back in the village hall in June 2021. The Parish Council currently have 1 vacancy and would welcome anyone wishing to join us. No experience necessary - just a passion for Bromham and Community. After closing the Café at Bromham Mill during COVID it was decided to re-open the café with a tenant running the café. Mitch MacFarlane opened the café at the end of August 2021 and has done a great job delivering good food and coffee for the village.

The vision for Bromham Mill is still to create small work units for local artisan and associated businesses and a hub for our community. The Committee continue to press Bedford Borough Council to finalise the lease, we are hopeful the lease will be signed in the not too distant future.

A huge thank you to Phil Grabham and the team of conservation volunteers who continue to work on open spaces including Salem Thrift, Nature Reserve and Bromham Mill. We would particularly like to thank them for their fantastic work in the Woodland Walk creating an interesting walk through the trees for all.

This year we started a new Community Award to recognise all our volunteers in the village. A presentation was held at the Annual Meeting with recipients receiving a framed certificate.

As a result of the Neighbourhood Plan new development has started in the village on Stagsden Road. Further development will follow until the 500 homes required are delivered. With the help of The Mayor and our Councillors we delivered new play equipment at Browning Close. The play equipment purchased was identified to make the play area inclusive to all.

Because of COVID we did not run the usual events during 21-22 but events are now back on the agenda and will start with the Duck Race for the Queen's jubilee on 2 May 2022. Although we did hold the annual Carols but not on the green. This year they were held at Bromham Mill. We saw a very good turnout and managed to donate £580.00 to the Elizabeth Curtis Centre.

We would also like to thank our hardworking Borough Councillors, Roger Rigby and Jon Gambold, for their continued support. Thank you to all our Councillors, for their continuing commitment working for the benefit of residents of Bromham, and to the hours they dedicate to the role.

Sian Woodfine

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and year end for Bromham Parish Council
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Bromham Toddlers (& Tiddlers)

We meet in the Baptist Church Hall on a Tuesday morning (during term time) from 9.30 - 11.30 am. We have toys/activities suitable for new born up until 4 years. Cost is £2.00 per child (over 6 months) and 50p per subsequent child/adult. There is tea/coffee for carers and a drink/biscuit for the little ones.

We finish with a song time, when adults and children sit together in a circle and choose their favourite action song. There is a lovely sense of community within the group and we hope to see you there with your little ones...!

For more information, please email Jan at bromhamolivers@gmail.com

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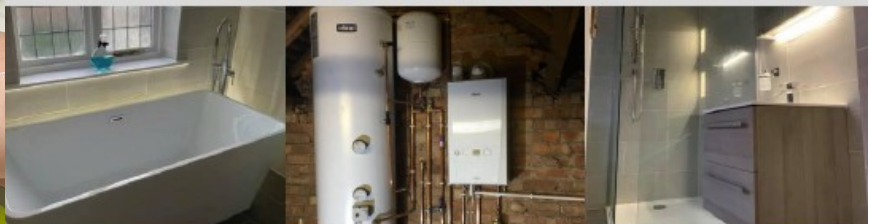


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Bromham's Royal Duck Race - Road Closure is 10.30 - 5pm
2 June 2022, Event 12 - 4pm



Race 1: 1pm - Business Ducks **Race 2: 2pm - Decorated Ducks** **Race 3: 3pm - Royal Duck Race**
Congratulations to HM The Queen on celebrating her Platinum Jubilee, 70 Years of Service!